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Additional \$25.00 Weekly supplement now available for unemployed individuals

Montpelier, Vt. – Governor Douglas announced today that this week the Vermont Department of Labor will begin including an extra \$25.00 to the nearly 17,500 individuals currently receiving unemployment benefits.

The Federal Additional Compensation (FAC) program became available as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 enacted on February 17, 2009.

The additional \$25.00 will be added on top of the unemployment payment that would otherwise be issued. For example – unemployed workers currently receiving \$300.00 will now receive \$325.00. The FAC program will remain in effect for all claims currently in place or established on or before January 1, 2010.

“I’m sure Vermonters will appreciate the extra money in their unemployment check”, said Governor Douglas. “These additional benefits will give unemployed workers a little extra money to help make ends meet while looking for their new job”, added the Governor. Labor Commissioner Patricia Moulton Powden added that her department has been working on the necessary programming to incorporate the additional money into the payment already being received. “It’s been a busy time for us over the past few months. We are pleased to be ready to start issuing the additional money the first week it’s available.”

Eligibility

Starting this week, all individuals currently receiving an unemployment benefit, regardless if it’s under the Regular, Extended, or Short Term Compensation program, will receive an additional \$25.00 included in their regular payment.

Financing

The benefit and administrative costs for FAC is paid for from funds appropriated from the Federal General Revenue and do not impact the state unemployment trust fund.